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UNDER THE INSPIRED, EFFECTIVE AND TACTFUL LEADERSHIP OF
CAPTAIN D. LINN FELT THE USS CAMDEN DID A MAGNIFICENT JOB UNDER
VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES OF RENDERING THE FASTEST AND MOST
EFFECTIVE DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE IMAGINABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT
AND PEOPLE OF MAURITIUS FEBRUARY 8 THROUGH 11. THE FINE SPIRIT
AND TOP-NOTCH PERFORMANCE OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE USS
CAMDEN IN THIS OPERATION DESERVE THE HIGHEST PRAISE AND GREATEST
ADMIRATION. WORKING IN COMPLETE HARMONY, CAPTAIN FELT AND I
AGREED FROM THE BEGINNING THAT THE CAMDEN'S VISIT WOULD HAVE TO
BE CONVERTED FROM A NORMALLY ENJOYABLE REST AND RECREATION VISIT
TO A TOTALLY SERIOUS ALL-WORK AND NON-PLAY RESCUE AND RELIEF
OPERATION. THE ENTIRE CREW OF THE CAMDEN RESPONDED BEAUTIFULLY,
CREATIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY. DOING SO WELL AS THE FIRST FOREIGN
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ASSISTANCE ON THE SCENE, THE CAMDEN SET THE TONE AND PAVED THE

WAY FOR SUBSEQUENT EQUALLY FINE EMERGENCY RELIEF OPERATIONS BY THE ENTERPRISE AND MARS. GRATITUDE, PRAISE AND ADMIRATION ARE STILL POURING IN TO ME AND MY STAFF FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF MAURITIANS FROM NEARLY ALL WALKS OF LIFE IN AND OUT OF THE MAURITIAN GOVERNMENT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER ON DOWN. IN MY OPINION THE US NAVY CAN BE JUSTLY PROUD OF THE OUTSTANDING JOB CAPTAIN FELT AND HIS ENTIRE CREW DID FOR MAURITIUS ITSELF AND FOR US-MAURITIAN RELATIONS. MANHARD

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